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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PINOCHET REAFFIRMS GOC POLICIES AND GOALS IN
NEW YEAR ADDRESS

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1. SUMMARY: IN ADDRESS ON NATIONAL RADIO AND TV EVENING DECEMBER
31, PRESIDENT PINOCHET STRONGLY REAFFIRMED POLITICAL, ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL POLICIES WHICH GOC HAS MAINTAINED SINCE MARCH 1974
STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT. PINOCHET RELEASED DOCUMENT
CALLED "NATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF CHILE" WHICH APPEARS TO PRESENT
SOMEWHAT MORE SPECIFIC BUT STILL VAGUE OUTLINES OF GOC GOALS
IN VARIOUS AREAS OF ECONOMY AND NATIONAL LIFE, EXPANDING UPON
EARLIER STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES. THERE WAS NO APPARENT CONCESSION
TO INTERNATIONAL OR DOMESTIC CRITICS OF GOC IN EITHER SPEECH OR
OBJECTIVES DOCUMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S NEW YEAR'S EVE SPEECH TO NATION BEGAN
WITH REGOGNITION OF SACRIFICES OF CHILEANS IN 1975 AND THANKS
FOR SUPPORT GIVEN GOC. HE REVIEWED ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES SOBERLY,
BUT EXPRESSED OPTIMISM FOR NEW YEAR. CRITICISM FROM ABROAD, ESPECIALLY
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FROM CHILEAN EXILES, WAS FLATLY REJECTED AS "EXTERNAL AGGRESSION"

AND TOTALLY FALSE.

3. PINOCHET REASSURED PRO-GOVERNMENT PROPRIETARY ELEMENTS BY PROCLAIMING FULL GOC SUPPORT FOR PROPERTY RIGHTS. HE GLOSSED OVER RECENT DECREE LAW WHICH PLACE HIGH TAX ON CERTAIN COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR ALLENDE EXPROPRIATIONS (SANTIAGO 8677), CALLING IT A MEASURE DESIGNED TO PREVENT PROFITEERING.

4. REFERENCE WAS MADE TO NEGOTIATIONS ON BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO SEA, WITH EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT THEY "ADVANCE SATISFACTORILY" DURING COMING YEAR. PINOCHET MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT SETTLEMENT OF CORRIDOR ISSUE WOULD NOT AFFECT CHILE'S TREATIES WITH BOLIVIA AND PERU RECOGNIZING CHILEAN GAINS IN WAR OF PACIFIC.

5. AFTER NOTING CREATION OF COUNCIL OF STATE AS SIGNIFICANT STEP IN SETTING UP NEW REPUBLICAN INSTITUTIONS (SEPTTEL), PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED ISSUANCE OF DOCUMENT ENTITLED "NATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF CHILE" ("OBJETIVOS NACIONALES DE CHILE"). HE SAID DOCUMENT "MUST GUIDE THE COUNTRY IN THE COMING DECADES," AND CALLED IT A "PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF OUR DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES" (SEE REFTTEL).

6. PINOCHET DEFENDED NEED FOR STRONG AND AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENT TO CONTRAST SOVIET IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION, FACILITATED BY WEAKNESS OF "MANY DEMOCRACIES." "IN FACE OF EXTERNAL ATTACK WE MUST REDOUBLE INTERNAL UNITY." HE REJECTED EFFORTS OF OPPONENTS "TO SPECULATE OVER NON-EXISTENT DIVISIONS AMONG OUR MEN OF ARMS," AND PREDICTED FAILURE OF EFFORTS OF SOME POLITICAL PARTY SECTORS (I. E., EX-PRESIDENT FREI AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS - SANTIAGO 8549) TO ATTACK AND SEPARATE ARMED FORCES FROM LOYAL CIVILIANS WHO "SUPPORT AND ACCOMPANY US IN WORK OF GOVERNMENT."

7. COMMENT: OTHER THAN ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, PINOCHET ADDED NOTHING NEW TO PRIOR GOC POLICIES AND STATEMENTS, AND HE MADE NO CONCESSION TO INTERNATIONAL OR DOMESTIC CRITICS. HE REAFFIRMED BASIC APPROACH WHICH JUNTA ANNOUNCED AS EARLY AS MARCH 1974; IDEAS ARE VAGUE IN OUTLINE BUT ARE AUTHORITARIAN AND REMINISCENT OF CORPORATISM OF THE 1930'S. IT IS APPARENT THAT PINOCHET AT LEAST, AND PRESUMABLY THE JUNTA AS A WHOLE, IS STILL CONFIDENTIAL

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WEDDED FIRMLY TO THE POLITICAL VIEWS OF THE CIVILIAN ADVISORS OF THE FAR RIGHT, AS WELL AS TO THE FREE-MARKET ECONOMIC VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CIVILIAN TEAM. THIS ADDRESS COMES JUST AFTER THE RELEASE OF SO-FAR IGNORED STATEMENT BY EX-PRESIDENT FREI, WHICH ATTACKED JUST THE IDEAS PINOCHET PUT FORWARD. THUS IT APPEARS THAT PROSPECTS FOR ANY DECREASE IN TENSIONS BETWEEN THE GOC AND ITS CRITICS IN 1976 ARE DIM.

8. DOCUMENT ON "NATIONAL OBJECTIVES" WAS BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED IN PRESS, BUT EMBASSY JUST RECEIVED COPY. IT WILL BE ANALYZED LATER, BUT INITIAL LOOK INDICATES DOCUMENT IS IDEOLOGICAL AND EXHORTATIVE EXTENSION OF "PRINCIPLES" APPLIED TO AREAS AND SECTORS OF NATIONAL LIFE, WITH NO INDICATION OF DRAMATIC CHANGE. DOCUMENT IS "OBLIGATORY IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION."

9. PINOCHET DID NOT MENTION JUNTA OR THE SERVICE IN HIS SPEECH. DOCUMENT WAS ISSUED OVER SIGNATURE OF PINOCHET ALONE.
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